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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Title

Please substitute the following amended title for the title as currently on record:

TITANIUM OXIDE NANOPARTICLES

In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s):

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of copending and commonly assigned U.S. 1, filed 07/27/1998, now U.S. P.J. No. 6,387,531,

Patent Application Serial Number 09/123,255 to Bi et al., entitled "Metal (Silicon) Oxide/Carbon

Composite Particles," incorporated herein by reference.